

FOCUS



A national touring exhibit featuring Big Bird and the other favorite characters from Sesame Street is coming to the Portland Children's Museum.

Sesame Street Interaction

Kids to join favorite characters

Everyone loves to watch Sesame Street, but it is twice the fun when you get to be part of the action.

The Portland Children's Museum will present "Can You Tell Me How to Get To Sesame Street," using television's chroma-key technology so local kids can see themselves on TV alongside their favorite Muppet characters.

You can sing the alphabet with Elmo, count with The Count and learn Spanish with Rosita at the museum located across from the Oregon Zoo on Saturday, Dec. 17 through Sunday, May 29.

Kids and adults will experi-

ence the set with the famous brownstone façade of 123 Sesame Street, can climb into Big Bird's nest, then skip across the playground and learn to play the steel drums.

An historical timeline lends perspective of what was happening in the United States when Sesame Street launched, introduced characters and grappled with social issues.

Admission: general \$7, seniors and military \$6, children under 1 and museum members admitted free. For information, call 503-223-6500 or visit www.portlandchildrensmuseum.org.

Soul Diva Performs Sunday



Linda Hornbuckle, the Northwest's "Diva of Soul" will perform a Christmas Show live with the Janice Scroggins Duo at Mississippi Studios, 3939 N. Mississippi Ave. on Sunday, Dec. 18 starting at 6 p.m. Cover charge is \$12.

Hornbuckle has one of the most beautiful and powerful blues, jazz and soul voices in the Pacific Northwest. Both acts are electrifying and have the ability to move their audiences emotionally and spiritually to a point

where the performance becomes a magical musical experience.

Also, the venue Jimmy Mak's in northwest Portland will ring in the New Year with Hornbuckle performing on Saturday, Dec. 31st, starting at 9 p.m. Cover charge is \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door. For more information call 503-295-6542.



Linda Hornbuckle

Dear Deanna!

I'm a teen and I think I've realized I want to be gay. I'm not attracted to boys and find myself watching girls and thinking about them. All of my other friends are gay and I'm becoming the same way. No one in my family is gay and my mother wouldn't understand because she's a Christian. Am I stuck with a future that's making me gay or do I have a chance to have a normal marriage and have kids? --Confused; Memphis, Tenn.

Dear Confused:

You still have milk behind your ears and don't need to think about being with a girl or boy at this stage in your life. You're caught up in peer pressure and are leaning towards what the rest of the crowd is doing. You're not gay. You're just a teen with confusion and the need for acceptance. Focus on your spiritual relationship, educational goals and hobbies that'll help you grow



Ask Deanna!
Real People, Real Advice
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Dear Deanna!

I have a boyfriend that I'm in love with. We're in a serious relationship, and he's great. I'm a pastor's kid, and my boyfriend is a gang

member. He doesn't understand how hurt I am because he is heading down the wrong path. I know that God has to do the rest, but should I hang on? --Anonymous; On-Line Reader

Dear Anonymous:

You could be the child of a pastor, a banker, a drunk or a fool and the answer would be the same. Don't get involved with gang activity because bullets, drive-by shootings and gang wars don't discriminate. With your church foundation and teaching, you know the way and if your boyfriend refuses this path, you can only pray for him. You should hang on to your faith and strong prayer and let go and let God do the rest.

Dear Deanna!

I've never been a fan of an advice column. I started reading your column a year ago in Denver and now I'm hooked. Your advice is so real

because you tell people what they need to hear and not what they want to hear. I only hope they take your advice and not get mad because you didn't side with them. I look forward to reading your next issues. --Anthony Jackson; Denver

Dear Anthony:

Thank you so much for the support. Life, people and places are real and words of wisdom and advice should be the same. At the end of the day, people can't handle the truth and would prefer feel good honesty which is simply a lie. When you think about it people should get mad, get pumped and then take action and keep it moving.

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